Consultation with Tobacco Board and NCAER on anti-beedi legislation

1155. SHRI S. AUSTIN:
SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the Ministry of Health has consulted the Tobacco Board, the NCAER and other recognised statutory bodies of Government of India with regard to the economic impact of anti-beedi legislation on the working population in Tamil Nadu and other States;

(b) details of any reports sought from the NCAER and such bodies; and

(c) if no reports have been sought, what steps will be taken to rectify this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) The proposed legislation envisages ban on advertising control over use and sale of tobacco products at certain places and warning about the harmful effects of tobacco on health. Government had organised a National Conference on Tobacco or Health on 27-28 July, 1991 in which representatives from various Goernment and non-Government Organisations, Cigaretee manufacturing companies, tobacco growers, economists and leading NGOs participated. In the conference, all the tobacco related issues were analysed in depth.

Treatment of plague and malaria by Ayurveda system of medicine

1156. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Ayurveda system of medicine has helped to treat the plague cases of Surat and malaria cases of Rajasthan more effectively;

(b) whether such symptoms indicate revival of Ayurveda system of medicine in the country;

(c) whether export of these medicines to developed countries like U.S.A. is increasing;

(d) whether Government propose to take some measures to popularise this system more in the country and abroad also; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) It has been found effective.

(b) The Govt. is taking all necessary steps to revive all traditional and Indian Systems of Medicine.

(c) This Ministry has no information.

(d) and (e) The Government of India has officially recognised ahe Ayurvedic System of Medicine for health care as well as research in the country. The Government have also established the Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha for formulation, co-ordination, development and promotion of research on scientific lines in Ayurveda and Siddha.

कैंसर के मरीजों का पता लगाने के लिए सर्वेक्षण

1157. **श्रीमती चन्द्रिका अभिनन्दन जैन** : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कैंसर के मरीजों के संबंध में विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन द्वारा हाल में देश में कोई सर्वेक्षण करवाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सर्वेक्षण की मुख्य विशेषताएं क्या हैं और देश में विभिन्न प्रकार के कैंसर से पीड़ित मरीजों का प्रतिशत क्या है ;

(ग) क्या पिछले कुछ वर्षों में मुंह के कैंसर से पीड़ित मरीजों की संख्या में तीव्र वृद्धि हुई है ;